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Abstract: Increases the maximum processing fee for payments by credit card the clerk of the city court or the marshal or a private collection agency is authorized to collect on all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, <u>from</u> 5% to 25% of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest being paid.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the clerk of the city court or the marshal or a private collection agency as authorized by contract to collect all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, and provides that all funds so collected, excluding costs, shall be paid into the city treasury or parish treasury, depending on whose behalf the money is being collected.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the clerk of the city court or the marshal to accept payment by credit card or electronic check for all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, and authorizes the collection of a processing fee not to exceed 5% of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest being paid.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but increases the maximum processing fee <u>from</u> 5% <u>to</u> 25% of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest being paid.

(Amends R.S. 13:1898(C))